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NOTICE OF DECISION

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
PERMIT NUMBER NEV0089068
FOR THE BOULDER VALLEY INFILTRATION PROJECT

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to renew Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0089068 to Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc. This permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of the approved facilities. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with NAC 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the groundwater quality will not be degraded by this operation and that public safety and health will be protected.

This permit will become effective April 9, 2004. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5pm, April 4, 2004 on Form 3 with the State Environmental Commission, 333 West Nye Lane, Capitol Complex, Carson City, Nevada 89706. For more information, contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401, toll free in Nevada at (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit the Bureau's website at http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm.

Responses to comments received during the public notice are attached. The permit was modified as follows:

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Part I.D (1) – WAD Cyanide was removed because process solutions are not associated with dewatering and the recirculation system.

Part II.B.3.d – Revised to provide clarity and to reflect requirements under Nevada Administrative Code 445A.346.6 and 445A.347

"Petroleum Products: If a release enters a surface water or is on or in groundwater, or if the quantity is equal to or greater than one hundred (100) gallons released to soil or a land surface, report in the time frame specified in II.B.3.a. A smaller release, greater than twenty-five (25) gallons but less than 100 gallons, released to soil or a land surface, or if discovered in at least 3 cubic yards of affected soil, report guarterly on NDEP Form 0390 or equivalent."

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